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CONWAY COVERED BRIDGE TO GET FIRE RETARDANT TREATMENT WORK ON SACO RIVER BRIDGE ON EAST SIDE ROAD WILL REQUIRE LANE CLOSURE

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces painting work is scheduled to begin the week of October 21, 2002 on the Saco River Covered Bridge on East Side Road in Conway.

This painting project involves the application of a clear-coat fire retardant on the wooden covered bridge.

Traffic on the bridge will be reduced to one lane between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm for at least a week in order to complete the work. Motorists are asked to proceed with caution through the work zone and seek alternative routes if possible.

The contractor for this project is 3G Construction, of Holderness, New Hampshire. The overall \$385,000 cost of the project also includes the same fire retardant application on the Cornish-Windsor and Hancock-Greenfield Covered Bridges, which has already been completed. It also includes sprinkler systems on all three bridges.